

## Blog Permission Form



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our class will be creating and maintaining a classroom blog this year that will offer a unique learning opportunity for your student. A blog, or "blog," is a fully functional web site that allows the user to regularly post and maintain content that is relevant to the topic at hand.

A classroom blog is a valuable teaching tool that engages students in the writing process, provides opportunities for collaboration, and reflection on their own writing and that of others. The opportunity to publish online provides a voice, audience, and chance to get immediate feedback for students. Our class blog will be a platform for a variety of writing and reflection exercises. Each student will contribute to the class blog periodically by responding to prompts, sharing ideas and resources, as well as reflecting on learning inside and outside of the classroom. **Blog submissions will be an extension to classroom learning; submissions will not be of a personal nature.**

Students will also participate in a Digital Citizenship student to learn about the importance of creating and maintaining a valuable digital online presence. Student privacy will be maintained at all costs. Only initials will be used, and no other references to any student's identity, location, or other personal information will be permitted. All student blog contributions will be monitored, and administrative access privileges will be utilized whenever necessary. While blogs are designed to allow comments by readers, for safety reasons, this feature will only be available to the members of the class blog (students, parents, and administrators). We will also adhere to the Midlothian ISD Acceptable Use Policies for the Internet.

I am excited about using this as an opportunity for students to hone their communication skills. Before your student can contribute to the blog, they must have the signed permission form below.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [ann\\_witherspoon@midlothian-isd.net](mailto:ann_witherspoon@midlothian-isd.net)

Thank you for your support.

Ann Witherspoon  
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Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understand this letter. It should be returned by September 1, 2011

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to contribute to the class blog.

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Signature of parent/guardian